

The decision of Sinclair Broadcasting to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary just a few days before the election without showing a pro Kerry film to balance the information is indeed dangerous to our democracy. And it is a clear example of the problem with media consolidation.

Sinclair and other broadcasters use the public airwaves FREE OF CHARGE; this is wrong. But since they do use them in this manner at this time, they are obligated by law to serve the public interest. This situation is a good lesson that when large companies control the airwaves, their bottom line is all they are concerned about and consequently our democracy suffers. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Please look out for the interests of the citizens of this country. We need your help. Our democracy needs your help. Thank you.